(a) whether Government'* attention has been drawn to a report published in the Indian Express of the 25th June, 1992 under the caption "India's rejoinder to amnesty report on custody deaths";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that a separate cell in Ministry of Home Affairs has been set up to monitor all cases and follow up action on the reported violations of human rights;

(c) the number and th$_e$ details of case*, State-wise relating to torture, rape and deaths in custody which have came to Government's notice during the years 1990, 1991 and so far in 1992;

(d) what action Government have taken or propose to take in respect of these cafes; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to check recurrence of such cases and for the safeguard of lives and pror perty of innocent persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (e) A cell has been created in the Ministry of home Affairs to coordinate matters of violations of Human rights security and police forces.

In the Amenesty International Report titled "Torture, Rapes and Deaths in Custody in India" a number Of specific incidents of reported excesses and violations of human rights in 19 States and Union Territories in India fop different periods have been given. Details of these allegations wer$_e$ sent to the concerned State Governments to provide factual details. As the Amnesty International inspite of our suggestion, did not agree to postpone publication of the report by a few weeks to make available comments on specific allegations sought for from the State Governments, our comments were sent dealing with broader issue$_s$ and other matters which required to be appreciated by the readers to understand ths question of human rights in totality.

Based on replies received from some of the State Governments, communications conveying the action taken by State Governments on the specific cases referred to in the report has also been sent.

'Public Ofer' and Tolics' including 'Crimes' being State Subjects, it is for ttw State Governments to deal with the cases of alleged atrocities by the police. Information on torture, rape and deaths in custody is not separately compiled and monitored by Central Agencies. The Government of India have, however, issued guidelines to th$_e$ State Governments from time to time to ensur$_e$ that police personnel behave in a human manner. The State Governments have also been ret. quested to take serious note of alleged cases police excesses and to deal with them firmly.

Activities of National Socialist Council of Nagaland

641. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA; Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to Btate:

(a) the number of security personnel killed in the ambush by the underground National Socialist Council of Nagaland in June, 1992;

(b) whether the security forces are making any combing operations in the state;

(c) if so, the results achieved so far;

(d) whether any hideouts have been found and arrests made; if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any link between Myan mar and NSCN has been established; and

(f) if so, in what manner Government propose to tackle the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB); (a)

to (d) 14 Personnel including 3 officers •were killed during the ambush on 12th June, 1992. During the initial retaliatory action by security forces four underground hostiles were killed and 3 to 4 were wounded. In the subsequent combing operations one underground hostile who participated in the ambush was apprehended from a hospitals at Ukhrul (Manipur). No hideouts hate been found.

(e) and (f) Links of undergrounds with Myanmar have come to the notice of the Government. The matter hat been brought to th© notice of Myanmar Government. Security Forces are keeping strict watch over the situation.

M. C. Jain Commission on Assassination of Rajiv Gandhi

642 SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether the working of the Commission of inquiry set op under the Chairmanship of Justice M. C. Jain, to go into the conspiracy aspect of assassination of former Prime Minister Late Rajiv Gandhi has been to say the last sluggish; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far and by when it is expected to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) No Sir.

(b) The Commission has been able to maintain stetdy progress and proposes to hold preliminary hearings soon. The Commission is making all possible efforts to complete the enquiry as soon as possible. However, i_n view of the complexity of the matter and its sensitivity the proceedings are expected to take some time.

Atrodtfes on woman fta Kashm Valsy

643. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-Item which appeared in the Indian Express dated June 1, 1992 under the caption "Wjofcaen worst sufferers";

(b) if so, what special efforts have been made to protect the women against the atrocities of militants in Kashmir; and

(c) the number of women (i) kidnap ped (ii) Abducted (iii) Raped (iv) killed (v) Married against their wishes and (vi) Forced *to* convert ther religion dur ing the years 1990, 1991 and so far *'m* 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The Govemment is aware Of the press report in question.

(b) The protection for the women against the atrocities of terrorists in Kashmir is a part of overall efforta to contain terrorism in the State.

(c) The informatieon is awaited from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir and will be laid on the table of the House on receipt.

आरक्षित पदों का भरा जाना

644. श्री अजीत जोगी : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले छह महीनों के दौरान विशेष भर्ती अभियान के अन्तर्गत उनके मंत्रालय में अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति के लिए आरक्षित कितने पद भरे गये हैं तथा उनका श्रेणीवार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) श्रेणीवार कितने आरक्षित पद अभी भी रिक्त पड़े हुए हैं; और